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The reply filed on October 18, 2010 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Newly submitted (amendmentd) claims 11-20 (method claims) are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed (apparatus claims) for the following reasons: The apparatus, as previously claimed, may be used to practice another materially different process, such as supporting a tube.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, amended claims 11-20 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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